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TATTERSALL'S CLUB

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Club Drinks

Beginning Wednesday August 11 and then on the second Wednesday of every month from 5.00pm to 7.00pm there will be free drinks in the Club Bar.

The Committee wants to encourage more Members to come into the Club and for Members to get to know each other better.

What the Committee hopes will become a Club institution is the result of some very generous sponsorship. Naturally it is Members only.

Club Table

There is now a club table in the bistro. If you come to the Bistro by yourself, the staff will ask if you want to sit at the Club Table - a great way to meet other members.

Mobile Phones

Following complaints from many members, mobile phones may not be used in the Club. If you are expecting a call let the porter know where you are going to be; the switchboard will be able to contact you. If you need to make an emergency call and do not have change you may use your mobile phone in the second floor telephone cabinets or the ante rooms to the third floor rest rooms.

Athletic Department

In the Tattersalls tradition, bring your son (10 years and over) to the Athletic Department for a swim on Saturdays at any time up to 5.00pm.

Pre-Theatre Dinners

If you book in at 6.00pm and mention you are going to the theatre, our dining room staff will guarantee to have you out by 7.30pm.

Breakfast

Breakfast is now available in both the Dining Room and the Athletic Department from 7.00am weekdays.

Training

You can join in the circuit training or the swimming squad at 7.00pm weekdays. Ring the Athletic Department for more details.

Swimming Club

The famous Tattersalls Tuesday and Thursday races continue through winter; 50 metres on Tuesdays and 100 metres on Thursday. Racing starts at 1.15pm sharp. Ring the Athletic Department if you want to be in a race but are running late.

Ski Club

Men's week at Wirruna Lodge, Perisher Valley, August - September. Ring Anthony Berkman (744 3933) or Ashley Reed (264 1271) for information.

Bowling Club

After a big result in Adelaide the Tattersalls Bowling Club meets Newcastle Tattersalls at Terrigal in October. Our Bowling Club is looking for new or former players. Ring Tim Anderson (953 3021) for details.

Handball Club

The 1993 Handball Tournament begins September with the finals in mid-November. Bob Hill (416 4245) can get you involved in this Tatts institution.

Billiards and Snooker Club

The Snooker Tournament is down to the last 32 with the draw on Friday July 9. There will be no card call this year. To see some of the real greats of the game play, contact Doug Jordan at the Club.

Golf Club

If you are interested in getting the Golf Club going again, leave your name with Greg Kearins at the office.

Racing Task Force

Adrian Abbott, Tony Cummins, Russell Debney, Stan Dumbrell, Bob Guth, Bill Hurley, Reg Inglis, Doug Jordan, Bruce McHugh, Col Tidy and Nick Whitlam are working on preparations for the Tattersall's Race Day on September 4 at Randwick. This promises to be a big day for the Club. More details next month.

Rugby Union Luncheon

The Rugby Union Luncheon mentioned in the previous newsletter was cancelled because of a conflicting Rugby Union function and because the Committee believed the proposed luncheon would not have been up to Club standards. Every Member who booked has been telephoned and informed of the reasons for the cancellation.

Meanwhile, we hope to arrange a farewell luncheon for the Australian Rugby Team in late September.

Reciprocal Clubs

The Committee is carrying out a review of all reciprocal clubs. You will receive a new listing soon.

Treasurers Report

One of the first resolutions of your new Committee was to accept my proposal that an independent review be carried out of the Club's financial position and of the Club's accounting systems and procedures.

Messrs Coopers & Lybrand were engaged to carry out this task (on commercial but favourable terms to the Club) and I have now received their reports which result from an examination of the Club's records to 31 May 1993.

A copy of the report to me dated 25 June 1993 and headed "Review of the General State of Finances" is attached. Naturally, it is an extremely confidential document but in the interests of fully informing you of the financial position of your Club, I have no doubt that you should have it. It is not, as Messrs Coopers & Lybrand point out, an audited reports and it is true that it depends on the accuracy of existing Club records.

In accordance with my instructions, the report extends to a brief commentary on membership. As the Chairman notes in his letter to you we need to increase our membership. Arresting the downward trend is a major priority for the committee and for all members. You can see from the trading results for the first five (5) months how important to the Club subscription income is.

Generally speaking, your Committee proposes to accept Messrs Coopers & Lybrand's recommendations and has already embarked upon a course of implementing the additional controls and procedures suggested. Other recommendations arising from the review of accounting systems and management reporting, as well as general observations on office staff and organisation, are currently under examination. As promised, a regular detailed report to members will be included in changes which you can expect to see shortly.

The business plan being developed for the Club (and the budgets which will result from it) will reflect the objectives already spelt out by your Committee prior to the recent Annual general Meeting. The Club must, and will, meet and surpass the needs of its members.

If you have any comments on the Coopers & Lybrand report or want further explanation of it, please write to me at the Club.

Russell Debney